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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 652  
By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of  
Unified Martial Arts of Sparta for their  
outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those athletic organizations  
and their members whose outstanding accomplishments are a great source of pride for  
Tennessee and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Unified Martial Arts of Sparta, Tennessee, is a highly regarded and very  
talented group of individuals whose members won numerous award at the most recent World  
Martial Arts Games, which were hosted by the World Organization of Martial Arts Athletes  
Association and held at Olympic Park in Sydney, Australia; and

WHEREAS, the organization's most skilled instructors are Rachel Auberger and Steve  
Williamson; they have also served with rare acumen and alacrity as the Coaches for the USA  
Team America; and

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WHEREAS, as a group, Unified Martial Arts of Sparta captured multiple World Grand Champion honors, in the categories of Team Forms, Team Fighting, and Men's Fighting by means of their stellar performance; and

WHEREAS, the most esteemed athletes of this praiseworthy organization won numerous individual awards, including 17 Gold medals, 5 Silver medals, 3 Bronze medals, and one Gold medal in Free Style Demo Team; and

WHEREAS, the athletes who contributed immeasurably to Unified Martial Arts of Sparta's success this year include: Annie Mitchell (Black Belt); Derrick Auberger (Blue Belt); Brenda Garrett (Orange Belt); Jordan Maxwell (Yellow Belt); Rebecca Yager (Orange Belt); Kim Robinson (Orange Belt); and Forrest Drake (Orange Belt); and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the exemplary members of Unified Martial Arts of Sparta and applaud their hard work and dedication to excellence in the Martial Arts; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate instructors Rachel Auberger and Steve Williamson, and Unified Martial Arts of Sparta upon capturing World Grand Championship team honors and numerous individual medals at the World Martial Arts Games, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.